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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FONOFF MIDEAST DEPT. DIRECTOR REDIES PROVIDED EMBOFF JUNE 4 WITH DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EC-9 PLANS CONCERNING EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, EMPHASIZING THAT BOTH EUROPEANS AND ARABS ANTICIPATE DELIBERATE PACE. DESPITE NEGATIVE OAPEC DECISION JUNE 2 REGARDING EMBARGO ON DUTCH AND DANES, EC-9 MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED ON JUNE 10-11 TO AUTHORIZE DELIVERY OF AIDE-MEMOIRES TO 20 ARAB STATES AND SUBSEQUENT "SECOND REDIES PREPARATORY MISSION." HOWEVER, "CONCRETE" EURO-ARAB DISCUSSIONS COULD NOT COMMENCE BEFORE ARABS LIFT EMBARGO.

2. EC-9 MIDEAST WORKING GROUP WILL MEET IN BONN JUNE 6 TO PREPARE PROPOSED GUIDANCE FOR PRESIDENCY'S USE ON PROCEDURE FOR DIALOGUE. REDIES EXPECTS FIRST MEETING BETWEEN SAUVAGNARGUES AND ARAB EMISSARIES MAY NOT OCCUR UNTIL LATE JULY OR AUGUST, WITH JOINT EC/ARAB STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUTUMN AND JOINT EXPERT WORKING GROUPS ACTIVATED IN WINTER 1974-75. EVENTUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD BE STILL FURTHER DOWN THE PIKE. HE STRESSED THAT DIALOGUE WAS NEW AND UNUSUAL CONCEPT FOR ARABS.

3. REDIES ALSO DESCRIBED CURRENT THINKING OF ARAB LEAGUE AND EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSON REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF DIALOGUE. ARAB EMPHASIS WAS ON PROJECTS TO HELP INDUSTRIALIZE ARAB WORLD, PROTECT ARABS AGAINST EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES, DEVELOP NEW ENERGY SOURCES AND ALTER IMBALANCES IN TRADE. BOTH SIDES REPORTEDLY AGREE THAT MIDEAST PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONFERENCE EFFORTS/OIL PRICES-SUPPLIES SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM DIALOGUE.

4. DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWING BY IMMEDIATE SEPTTEL. REDIES MADE CLEAR THAT NINE REGARD ABOVE BRIEFING AS PART OF DETAILED CONSULTATIONS DESIRED BY USG AND THAT FURTHER INFO WOULD FOLLOW. HE INVITED US COMMENTS BEFORE JUNE 6 EXPERTS MEETING AND/OR JUNE 10-11 MINISTERIAL.

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS HERE JUNE 5, ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO PASS ON TO EC-9 MIDEAST GROUP PRESIDENT WITH REGARD TO JUNE 6 MEETING; (B) BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS HERE JUNE 7, ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH US TO PASS TO GERMANS WITH REGARD TO JUNE 10-11 MINISTERIAL MEETING. END SUMMARY. HILLENBRAND

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